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TAGS: CASC (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)
SUBJECT: W/W JOHN J. SULLIVAN

1) TEXT OF [redacted] AS PROVIDED BY CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA'S OFFICE IS AS FOLLOWS:

2) LETTERHEAD ADDRESSES [redacted] B6

3) DATED: 2/15/82

4) QUOTE DEAR MR. SULLIVAN: I HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, BUT DID NOT TAKE TOO MUCH STOCK IN IT, BUT AGAIN THIS WEEK ANOTHER PERSON INFORMED ME THAT YOUR SON IS ALIVE AND IN THE BOTTOM CELLS OF THE POLICIA DE HACIENDA.

HE IS NOT EATING VERY WELL, BUT SEEMED IN FAIR HEALTH AND HIS BEARD HAS GROWN DOWN TO HIS CHEST.
FROM WHAT I GATHER, HE WAS CAPTURED WITH THE GUERILLAS AND TAKEN PRISONER.

IT MIGHT BE THAT THE GUERTLLAS WERE THE ONES THAT CAME FOR HIM AT THE HOTEL AS HE POSSIBLY HAD MADE CONTACT WITH THEM AND POSSIBLY OFFERED TO RUN A STORY ON THEM AND WANTED TO BE WITH THEM.

IF WHAT I WAS TOLD IS CORRECT, THE POLICIA DE HACIENDA HAVE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCE TO KILL HIM, BUT AS HE IS SUPPOSEDLY STILL ALIVE, THEY HAVE NOT THE INTENTION OF KILLING HIM ESPECIALLY AFTER THE KILLING OF THE FOUR NUNS RAISED SUCH A FUSS.

I WAS TOLD THAT POSSIBLY AFTER OUR ELECTION MARCH 28, 1982 HE COULD BE LEFT FREE BUT I DO NOT SEE WHAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD HAVE TO DO WITH THE RELEASE.

UNLESS UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT IT COULD BE PROVEN THAT HE WAS NOT A SYMPATHIZER WITH THE LEFTIST MARXIST WHICH THE GUERILLA ARE.

I BELIEVE THE ONLY PERSON WHICH MIGHT HAVE SOME INFLUENCE IN HAVING HIM RELEASED AND PROBABLY ONLY AFTER IT COULD BE PROVEN THAT HE WAS NOT A SYMPATHIZER AND HAS NOT AN ADVERSE RECORD IN THE FBI FILES WOULD BE THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, MR. DEAN R. HINTON.

IN THIS CASE, IT MIGHT NOT BE TO HIS CONVENIENCE IN HIS POSITION OR AT THE PRESENT TIME TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE MILITARY.

A POINT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IS IF THE MILITARY DID NOT HAVE SOME ADVERSE INFORMATION AND HE WAS ONLY GOING TO WRITE A STORY, WHY HAVEN'T THEY LET HIM FREE? SO THIS POINT HAS TO BE CLEARED UP BEFORE MUCH CAN BE DONE IF IT IS TRUE THAT HE IS STILL BEING HELD CAPTIVE.
CORDIALLY, [redacted] B-6
UNQUOTE.

5) CONGRESSWOMAN'S ROUKEMA'S OFFICE ALSO INDICATED THAT [redacted] AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS WERE [redacted] HIS ADDRESS IS [redacted] EAGLEBURGER B6 B-6

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